

Special Meeting Set to Hear Golf Course Opponents

NEIGHBOR SPEEDING STRICKEN INFANT

TO HOSPITAL CRASHES ON HIGHWAY

Torrance Man Succumbs In Trailer Fire

Authorities today are investigating the possibility of arson in connection with the death early Saturday morning of Joseph W. Wallace, 42, of 21414 S. Vera St.

The victim was burned to death in his trailer house at the rear of the Vera Street address, after attending a party at the home of Mrs. Luz Hulzar, 42, who owned the trailer.

Mrs. Hulzar's 18-year old daughter, Monica, discovered the blaze. Wallace's body was found completely clothed on his bed by firemen of County Engine Company 36, who controlled the flames.

The trailer was badly damaged in the fire, cause of which is not known.

Six Injured In Collision Of Two Cars

Six persons were injured, two of them seriously, in a two-car smashup at 174th and Normandie Ave., shortly before midnight Friday.

A car driven by Ralph E. Sarrazen, 45, of 1115 Eriel Ave., collided with one driven by Mary Jo Frizell, 16, of 16925 Halldale Ave. Sarrazen was headed west on 174th, while Miss Frizell was headed east.

Sarrazen was taken to Harbor General Hospital with a possible broken leg and bruises, while Celeste Magdeleno, 15, of Gardena, received head and possible back injuries.

Also taken to the hospital with minor injuries were Cortha Morrell, 16, of 1342 W. 161st St.; and Jane McElroy, 15, of 16864 Brighton Way, passengers in Miss Frizell's car; and Lawrence Sommers, 56, of 2108 Arlington Ave., a passenger in Sarrazen's auto.

YMCA Lions Swim Classes Set in April

The annual YMCA-Lions free "Learn to Swim Week" will be held from April 4 to 8, during spring vacation, the YMCA announced Friday.

The event is for boys from nine to 12 who cannot swim a minimum of 20 feet. Six classes per day are slated, directed by Cliff Graybehl, Torrance High coach, and Harold Holmes, of El Camino College.

Boys may sign up for the swimming through their local elementary schools, with classes limited to 45 boys each. Chartered buses will take the boys from their homes to the Herposa Biltmore Hotel, where the classes will be held.

Janitor Reports Smoke; Firemen Called to Bank

Torrance firemen were called out late Saturday afternoon to the California Bank, 1320 Sartori Ave., after the janitor reported smelling smoke.

Firemen said the smoke apparently came from either an overheated motor or short in the wiring, since part of the lights in that bank went out.

Treasure Island Burglary Costs John Silver \$5

In an episode that sounds like something out of "Treasure Island," John L. Silver, of 1045 W. Flat St., told sheriff's deputies Thursday, that he had been robbed of his coin collection and jewelry, valued at \$500.

It wasn't "Long John" this time, but Silver told deputies that burglars had ransacked his house, taking his Indian head penny collection, four \$2.50 gold pieces, a necklace, and two masonic rings.

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Ambulance Continues Lad on Trip

An ambulance rushed a nine-month old boy suffering from spinal meningitis to Children's Hospital in Los Angeles, Friday, after an accident halted his parents from taking him there.

Bobbie R. Bailey, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Bailey, of 5127 Milne Dr., was reported in fairly good condition at the hospital. He suffered the attack at his home Friday.

A neighbor, Robert J. Vrana, of 5115 Milne Dr., was driving the Baileys and Bobbie to the hospital about 3 p.m., Friday when his car collided with one driven by Mrs. Marilyn Bennett, 17, of Wilmington. The crash occurred near Halston St., on Hawthorne Ave.

Although only fenders were damaged, Wright's Ambulance Service was called, and rushed the anxious group to Children's Hospital.

The Baileys had just returned their daughter, Diana, 3, from the hospital Friday afternoon when they discovered that young Bobbie was paralyzed. Diane had been in the hospital following an accidental overdose of aspirin.

Two Hurt in Car Smashup

Two persons received minor injuries in a two-car crash at 190th and Inglewood Ave., late Friday afternoon.

In the accident, a car driven by Lavern William Edwards, 17, of 2256 W. 182nd St., collided with a vehicle operated by Clyde Emanuel Hart, 28, of 4470 W. 191st St.

Hart was taken to Harbor General Hospital with minor injuries, as was Nancy Cunningham, 16, of Redondo Beach, a passenger in Edwards' car.

Bids Sought For Armory

Bids for landscaping the Torrance Armory, at the corner of Cabrillo and Lincoln Aves., will be opened soon, the State Department of Public Works announced Friday.

Gravel surfacing part of the area, asphalt concrete paving, concrete walks and curbing, trees, shrubs, irrigation, and other services are planned at the Armory, which is expected to be ready this summer.

Funds for the project are about \$46,000.

Nine Students Compete For Bank Awards

Nine students from Torrance High School have been named winners of Bank of America Achievement Awards by a committee of the faculty at the school.

They were selected as an initial step in a program which will divide over \$17,000 among 60 top senior prep students in the southland. In addition to the cash awards, gold cups and achievement certificates will go to students who qualify.

Cup winners at Torrance High, who also won certificates, are Walter J. Cribben, James R. Thompson, Ann Kathleen Steinbaugh and Barrett H. Lee.

Certificate winners are Cynthia A. Easley, Patricia I. Mounger, Jo Anne O'Hanlon, Catherine L. Rohrdanz and Sally A. Speck.

Cup winners will compete, as a further step in the program, with other students on April 21. On that date they will appear before a judging panel of civic leaders.

Zone winners will be selected at the April 12 meeting.

\$100,000 Blaze Sweeps Through Lomita Business

A fire which started when kerosene dripped into a fire swept through the Contractor's Supply Co., 1820 Pacific Coast Hwy., Lomita, Thursday, with damage estimated up to \$100,000.

Four county fire companies fought the flames which raged for two hours before it was brought under control. Traffic on the highway was tied up during that time.

Arnold Laine and Robert March, plant employees, said the fire started when kerosene from a hot bath for washing bolts ignited. The bolts were coated with cosmoline, which also ignited quickly.

Flames quickly spread to the ceiling, and did extensive damage throughout the front part of the warehouse. Heavy machinery, lumber, chemicals, nails, and other building materials were stored in that part of the warehouse.

W. A. Horton, of Long Beach, vice president of the firm, estimated damage at between \$75,000 and \$100,000, depending on the salvageable material.

Smoke from the fire was visible in many parts of Torrance.

SUBSCRIPTION CAMPAIGN WILL CLOSE SATURDAY

The HERALD'S subscription campaign enters the homestretch today, as the end of the drive will be noon Saturday.

Although point values are the smallest of any time during the campaign, they will still count toward the 1955, Ford, or Plymouth, or Chevrolet which the winning worker will receive.

This is the last week in which subscribers may get their \$65 coupon books good for merchandise in a number of local stores. Subscriptions are \$3.60 for one year, \$7.20 for two years, and \$10.40 for three years.

Campaign workers were urged to redouble their efforts toward the car and other prizes which leaders will receive.

Further information can be obtained from Elaine Barrett at FA 8-4000



SPRING IS COMING . . . Making plans to welcome in spring were these three Torrance lads with their kites. The boys entered the annual father-son kite flying contest held in Torrance Park Saturday. Arlia Blankenship, of 17003 Ardath Ave., demonstrates his giant kite, while Larry Lile, of 17016 Atkinson Ave. shows his pint sized entry and Jimmy Breitenfeldt, of 17010 Atkinson Ave., shows off his star-shaped model. Today is the first day of spring.

Petition Valid, PV Officer Says

The petition for annexation of 6513 acres in the Palos Verdes Hills has not been withdrawn, Ivar O. Hanson, representative of the Great Lakes Carbon Co., said Friday, but indicated that this was a possibility.

The proposed annexation move has been snarled by two factors:

1. The attempt of the city of Palos Verdes to annex a strip of land which would separate Torrance from the area proposed for annexation.

2. The disclosure that there are 19 registered voters in the area, which was previously considered uninhabited. Records show that a number of residents in the area registered only a few days before the annexation petition was signed on Feb. 23.

To meet the situation, Hanson said that several courses

are open, and withdrawing the petition is one of them.

"Lots of things are in the mill," Hanson said, "but nothing has jelled. Our attorneys and engineers are studying all phases of the matter before a decision is made."

He urged that the difficulties be ironed out "on some other basis than competing annexation procedures."

Disclosure that there were more than the 12 registered voters necessary to annex the territory without holding an election probably will invalidate the entire proceedings carried on so far.

If so, the boundaries of the territory would have to be redrawn or an election would have to be held. Nevertheless, Torrance city officials said a public hearing on the annexation was still set for April 5.

Name Boccaccio Head of Harbor Area for Chest

Joseph F. Boccaccio, former head of the Veterans Service Center in San Pedro, was this week named Community Chest Harbor Area Director, chairman Alex Bero announced today.

Bero said, "Boccaccio brings a working knowledge of the Chest and its 164 agencies federated in the community appeal by his excellent service with the Vet center, a 'red feather' agency itself."

The director will administer the local Chest Center which serves Harbor area citizens, serve as executive secretary of the Harbor Welfare Federation Board, and "develop and direct the recruiting, organization and training of volunteer workers for the Harbor Chest campaign," Bero said.

A resident of San Pedro since 1950, Boccaccio graduated from UCLA with BA degree in psychology in 1951. He was named director of the Vets Center in December of that year. He is presently in graduate work at USC in sociology and social work.

A member of the American Sociological Society, Boccaccio was a first lieutenant in the U. S. Army Reserve and is a member of the American Legion Post 65 and Amvet Post 29.

During previous Chest campaigns he has served as a member of the Speaker's Bureau and was chairman of the Harbor area participation committee in 1954.

Irate Residents Hit Golf Plans

Fireworks were let loose at the Recreation Commission meeting Wednesday, as a group of irate citizens who live in the area near Seaside Park appeared to protest location of a pitch-and-putt golf course in the area.

Residents declared they strongly objected to a golf course there, and presented a 106-signature petition expressing opposition.

The park should be developed for the use of children, not grown-ups, they declared. Fears were expressed for the safety of children in the area if golf balls were flying about.

Plans for the golf course were drawn up last spring, commission officials said, at a time when there were no houses in the area. There is need for such a park in Torrance, they said, and the Seaside area is an ideal place for it, due to the terrain.

Bids have already been received on the park, which is part of an over-all development plan at Seaside, McMaster, El Retiro, and Walteria Parks.

The golf course was mentioned at the time a \$150,000 bond issue for park improvement was passed last spring, commissioners said.

In an effort to settle the problem, the Recreation Commission will meet with a group of the citizens at Seaside Park this Thursday evening.

Bids for improvements at the four parks ran to about \$200,000 with commissioners planning to cut some of the items since only \$150,000 is available.

The golf course would cost some \$800 to \$1200 in addition to the cost of raws, which would have to be put in anyway, commissioners said.

Other improvements planned at Seaside Park include a recreation building, caretaker's building, sprinkler system, and parking lots, as well as landscaping.

McMaster Park was slated to get a parking lot, caretaker's building, hard-surface night basketball court, landscaping, and a relocated ball diamond.

Planned at El Retiro Park are two tennis courts.

A recreation building, caretaker's building, and moving present buildings was planned at Walteria Park.



PLANNING AHEAD . . . Alex Bero (left) chairman of the Harbor area board of the Community Chest, discusses 1955 health and welfare plans with Joseph Boccaccio, new director of the area. Known as "Joe" to many Torrance veterans, Boccaccio has been director of the Harbor Area Veterans Service Center since 1951.

Beans Hit Dancers

Torrance police were called out Friday to stop a group of boys using their beanshooters to blow missiles at a group of toedancers at the opening of Clark's Market, 24004 Hawthorne Ave.